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A COURT OF APPEAL?

Much interest was excited by Mr. John Carter's announcement that in his opinion Bristol is not a Surprise method, and the prompt replies of experts who take the view that it is rightly included in the Surprise category was only to be expected. In our article a fortnight ago we showed how Bristol first came by its name, and how by all the accepted views of that time it was entitled to be classed with the highest group of methods. The correspondence which we published last week showed how the method was, by the intention of the author, kept within the definition of a Surprise, for the definition which was embodied in the report upon methods and adopted by the Central Council, was drafted by the Rev. E. Bankes James himself. With that explanation before the Exercise it will be difficult to quarrel with the designation of Bristol, but there is still room for argument on the views put forward by Mr. Carter, who tells us this week that the passing of the treble from 7-8 up to 7-8 down is a cross section, no more and no less.

While the complexity or interest of a method is neither increased nor diminished by the name we give it, it does seem that the definition of a Surprise method might have been still more closely laid down, if the point had been clearly made that the treble's whole pull in front or behind was not to be considered a cross section. But in this, as in many other things in ringing, we see that definitions that are provided for our guidance are not all they might be. It is quite certain, from this discussion on Bristol, that our experts are not agreed upon what the meanings of some of the definitions are, for here we have Mr. Carter, who we believe signed the Central Council's report, differing from other members of the committee as to the exact application of the terms. What we need is a court of appeal to settle these matters. Indeed it would add quite a refreshing variety to the procedure of the Central Council if a bench of, say, five 'judges' were set up and the contending parties argued their case on something like the same lines that legal actions are conducted in the High Court. This, perhaps, might be the solution of one of the complaints against the present procedure of the Central Council that the debates on the scientific side of ringing are too dull, or else too technical to interest the main body of members. Speeches by 'counsel' and the examination and cross-examination of witnesses would certainly add zest to some of the discussions, and even if it tended to introduce a little levity into the proceedings, we should, at all events, be able to have a 'considered judgment' of experts upon a subject after they had heard both sides of the question.

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TWELVE BELL PEALS.

BIRMINGHAM.

THE ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM.

On Friday, December 26, 1919, in Three Hours and Forty Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH OF ST. MARTIN,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CINQUES, 5017 CHANCES;

Tenor 36 cwt. in C.

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| SAMUEL GROVE Treble | WILLIAM KENT 7 |
| ALBERT T. SCRIVENS... .. 2 | J. FRANK SMALLWOOD ... 8 |
| ALBERT E. NORMAN 3 | RICHARD F. DEAL 9 |
| ALBERT WALKER... .. 4 | HARRY CHAPMAN 10 |
| JAMES GEORGE 5 | JAMES E. GROVES 11 |
| FRANK W. PERRENS 6 | AMOS TRIPPIER Tenor |

Composed by FRANK W. PERRENS.

Conducted by JAMES E. GROVES.

The conductor, in addition to ringing each of the twelve bells to a peal, has now completed 50 peals on the 11th bell.

WALTHAM ABBEY, ESSEX.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, December 27, 1919, in Three Hours and Forty-Five Minutes,

AT THE ABBEY CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CINQUES, 5019 CHANCES;

Tenor 38½ cwt.

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| WILLIAM J. NUDDS Treble | JOHN ARMSTRONG 7 |
| GEORGE R. PYE... .. 2 | WILLIAM H. LAWRENCE ... 8 |
| ISAAC G. SHADE... .. 3 | CORNELIUS CHARGE 9 |
| WILLIAM PYE 4 | REUBEN SANDERS 10 |
| CHARLES T. COLES 5 | THOS. GROOMBRIDGE, SEN. 11 |
| JAMES GEORGE 6 | ALBERT W. COLES Tenor |

Composed by JOHN CARTER. Conducted by CHARLES T. COLES.

First peal of Cinques as conductor.

WOLVERHAMPTON.

THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

On Saturday, December 27, 1919, in Three Hours and Forty-One Minutes,

AT THE COLLEGIATE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CINQUES, 5017 CHANCES;

Tenor 33 cwt. in C sharp.

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| JAMES E. GROVES Treble | ALBERT E. NORMAN 7 |
| ALBERT T. SCRIVENS... .. 2 | THOMAS H. REEVES 8 |
| JAS. W. WASHBROOK, JUN. 3 | HARRY CHAPMAN 9 |
| FRANK W. PERRENS 4 | ALBERT WALKER 10 |
| RICHARD F. DEAL 5 | HERBERT KNIGHT 11 |
| J. FRANK SMALLWOOD ... 6 | AMOS TRIPPIER Tenor |

Composed by FRANK W. PERRENS.

Conducted by JAMES E. GROVES.

This was Mr. Washbrook's first peal on twelve bells. All the above are also members of St. Martin's Guild for the Diocese of Birmingham.

TEN BELL PEALS.

CANTERBURY, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Friday, December 26, 1919, in Three Hours and Sixteen Minutes,

AT CHRIST CHURCH CATHEDRAL,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5007 CHANCES;

Tenor 30 cwt.

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| *LEONARD MANNERING ... Treble | *FREDERICK M. MITCHELL 6 |
| F/Sgt. F.A. HOLDEN, R.A.F. 2 | †WILLIAM SPICE 7 |
| FREDERICK G. BRETT ... 3 | WILLIAM HAIGH 8 |
| THOMAS MANNERING... .. 4 | EDWARD A. G. ALLEN ... 9 |
| GEORGE G. JENKINS 5 | *FREDERICK A. FAIRBREAD... Tenor |

Composed by the late Sir A. P. HEYWOOD, BART.

Conducted by FRED A. HOLDEN.

* First peal on ten bells, also in the method. † 150th peal. Quickest peal of Caters on the bells.

GULVAL, PENZANCE.—On the evening of Nov. 25th, a quarter-peal of Grandshire Triples (John Carter's) was rung in 48 minutes: W. Wood 1, Miss Lilien Symons (first 120 on inside bell) 2, John Symons 3, P. Hitchens (first 1260 as conductor) 4, F. Gilbert 5, A. Triggs 6, J. Wood 7, J. Corkell 8.

WALTHAMSTOW, ESSEX.
THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION,

On Friday, December 26, 1919, in Three Hours and Twenty-One Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL, 5040 CHANCES;

Tenor 19½ cwt.

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| *HAROLD W. CLARK Treble | WILLIAM J. NUDDS 6 |
| GEORGE R. PYE 2 | CHARLES T. COLES 7 |
| JOHN ARMSTRONG 3 | † CORNELIUS CHARGE 8 |
| ISAAC G. SHADE 4 | REUBEN SANDERS 9 |
| ALBERT W. COLES 5 | WILLIAM PYE Tenor |

Composed and Conducted by WILLIAM PYE.

* First peal of Royal. † First peal of Cambridge Royal.

LIVERPOOL.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Friday, December 26, 1919, in Three Hours and Thirty-Six Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5165 CHANCES;

Tenor 39 cwt. 3 qr. 10 lb.

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| *WALTER FISHER Treble | †ARTHUR LINTOTT 6 |
| †HERBERT LUDKIN 2 | JAMES MARTIN 7 |
| GEORGE R. NEWTON 3 | EDWIN BREEZE 8 |
| †HENRY FYLES 4 | EDWARD CAUNCE 9 |
| †THOMAS W. GILMOUR 5 | *ERNEST BOUMPHREY Tenor |
| | †CLAUDE DAVIES |

Composed and Conducted by GEORGE R. NEWTON.

Rung on the back ten. * First peal. † First peal on ten bells.

LEICESTER.
THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION

On Saturday, December 27, 1919, in Three Hours and Twenty-One Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARTIN,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB ROYAL, 5000 CHANCES;

Tenor 21½ cwt. in E flat.

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| LOUIS E. ALLEN Treble | HARRY ARGYLE 6 |
| HERBERT W. NEEDHAM 2 | J. LESLIE WILLIAMS 7 |
| ERNEST BARTRAM, M.M. 3 | DET. SGT. HAROLD G. JENNEY 8 |
| HARRY BROUGHTON 4 | FREDERICK H. DEXTER 9 |
| THOMAS W. CHAPMAN 5 | R. HENRY BARTRAM Tenor |

Composed and Conducted by F. H. DEXTER.

* First peal of Royal on the bells and by all the band, with the exception of the ringers of the treble, 9th and tenor.

CARDIFF.
THE LLANDAFF DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, December 27, 1919, in Three Hours and Eighteen Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5039 CHANCES;

Tenor 27 cwt. in D.

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| SIDNEY DAWE Treble | CLARENCE O. HOBBS 6 |
| *WILLIAM HEATH 2 | FREDERICK VILES 7 |
| EVAN COLES 3 | WILLIAM BOLTON 8 |
| JOHN W. JONES 4 | FRED CHAMBERLAIN 9 |
| WILLIAM B. BISS 5 | SEYMOUR R. BARKER Tenor |

Composed by HENRY HUBBARD.

Conducted by FRED CHAMBERLAIN.

* First peal of Caters. First peal of Caters as conductor, and his first attempt. Arranged specially for two purposes: the first as a birthday compliment to Mr. John Clutterbuck, one of the originators of this Association, the second as a Peace Peal for the City of Cardiff.

EIGHT BELL PEALS.

BRIGHTON, SUSSEX.
THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, December 13, 1919, in Three Hours and Fifteen Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANCES;

Tenor 25½ cwt.

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| WILLIAM PALMER Treble | ALFRED CRIPPS 5 |
| JOHN T. RICKMAN 2 | FREDERICK W. CRIPPS 6 |
| WILLIAM WATTS 3 | WILLIAM C. HART 7 |
| CHARLES PALMER 4 | KEITH HART Tenor |

Composed by NATHAN PITSTOW.

Conducted by KEITH HART.

ASHTON-UNDER-LYNE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, December 6, 1919, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES,

HOLT'S TEN-PART.

Tenor 20 cwt.

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| MRS. W. WOLSTENCROFT ... Treble | MISS SARAH HOLT 5 |
| †MISS DORIS OGDEN 2 | JOHN HARRISON 6 |
| MISS CISSY THORP 3 | WALTER W. WOLSTENCROFT ... 7 |
| MISS ADA WOLSTENCROFT ... 4 | *FRANK FIDDLER Tenor |

Conducted by MISS THORP.

* First peal. † First peal with a bob bell. First peal conducted by a lady in the North of England. Rung as a birthday compliment to Mr. and Mrs. Wolstencroft and John Harrison.

DORKING, SURREY.
THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

On Friday, December 19, 1919, in Three Hours and One Minute,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARTIN,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;

HOLT'S TEN-PART.

Tenor 25 cwt. in D.

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| EDWARD E. DODD Treble | ARTHUR DEAN 5 |
| ALFRED H. WINCH 2 | EDWARD HULL 6 |
| GEORGE MARRINER 3 | JOHN H. WHITE 7 |
| HENRY BOXALL 4 | WILLIAM LYNCH Tenor |

Conducted by J. H. WHITE.

Rung as a compliment to Mr. and Mrs. J. H. White, on the occasion of their silver wedding.

ASHTON, SURREY.
THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, December 20, 1919, in Three Hours,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GILES,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANCES;

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| *MISS V. SHORTER Treble | E. T. GROVE 5 |
| W. H. CORRETT 2 | J. HOYLE 6 |
| *J. BEAMS 3 | A. W. CLARKE 7 |
| †R. LATHBURY 4 | C. E. READ Tenor |

Composed by HENRY JAMES TUCKER.

Conducted by R. LATHBURY.

* First peal of Major. † First peal of Major and first as conductor.

OXHEY, HERTS.
THE HERTFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, December 20, 1919, in Two Hours and Fifty-Two Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MATTHEW,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANCES;

Tenor 8 cwt. 1 qr. 15 lb.

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| *ARTHUR GEORGE COOPER Treble | CHARLES LEMAN 5 |
| HUBERT EDEN 2 | MAURICE HIBBERT 6 |
| ARTHUR W. DIN 3 | HENRY HODGETTS 7 |
| WILLIAM HODGETTS 4 | FREDERICK W. BRINKLOW ... Tenor |

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF.

Conducted by FREDERICK W. BRINKLOW.

* First peal. This peal was rung on the occasion of the wedding of Miss Doris Hatton and Mr. Henri Platell.

SEDGLEY, STAFFORDSHIRE
DUDLEY AND DISTRICTS GUILD.

On Saturday, December 20, 1919, in Three Hours and One Minute,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;

BIDDLESTONE'S TWELVE-PART.

Tenor 16 cwt. 4 lb.

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| JOHN RAY Treble | HARRY JEVONS 5 |
| WILLIAM MILLS, JUN. 2 | JESSE SCREEN 6 |
| JOHN H. BROWN 3 | WILLIAM A. COOPER 7 |
| FRED EVANS 4 | BENJAMIN FULLWOOD Tenor |

Conducted by JESSE SCREEN.

Rung with the bells half-muffled as a last token of respect to the late William Mills, father of the ringer of the second, who was a ringer at the above church 35 years.

TAUNTON, SOMERSET.

On Saturday, December 20, 1919, in Two Hours and Fifty-Nine Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES.

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;

HOLLIS' FIVE-PART, No. 2.

Tenor 20 cwt.

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| *ALFRED MILLARD Treble | †ARTHUR R. THORNE 5 |
| JOSEPH MADDOCK 2 | †EBENEZER PRIDDLE 6 |
| THOMAS DOBLE 3 | FRANK MILLARD 7 |
| WILLIAM S. DOBLE 4 | HENRY BOBLEY Tenor |

Conducted by JOSEPH MADDOCK.

* First peal. † First peal of Triples. † First peal away from tenor.

HERSHAM, SURREY.

THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, December 20, 1919, in Two Hours and Fifty-Three Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;

HEYWOOD'S TRANSPOSITION OF THURSTANS' FOUR-PART. Tenor 8½ cwt.

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| GEORGE EDSEY Treble | CLARENCE H. DOBBIE 5 |
| FREDERICK G. GODDARD 2 | WILLIAM SHEPHERD 6 |
| WILLIAM A. WOODROW 3 | FERRIS J. SHEPHERD 7 |
| *JOHN LOVERIDGE 4 | †HERBERT BATTY Tenor |

Conducted by FERRIS J. SHEPHERD.

* First peal on tower bells. † First peal.

BIRSTALL, YORKS.

On Saturday, December 20, 1919, in Three Hours and Eighteen Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5120 CHANCES;

Tenor 22 cwt. 1 qr. 7 lb. in E flat.

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| W. STAINTHORPE Treble | JOSEPH KELLETT 5 |
| HARRY ROBINSON 2 | W. RHODES 6 |
| W. CLARK 3 | EDWARD CROWDER 7 |
| GEORGE BRITTON 4 | HERBERT PEEL Tenor |

Composed by W. SOTTANSTALL.

Conducted by W. STAINTHORPE.

First peal on the bells since they were recast by Messrs. Gillett and Johnston.

NETHERSEALE, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

(THE ST. PAUL'S SOCIETY, BURTON-ON-TRENT.)

On Saturday, December 20, 1919, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;

PISTOW'S VARIATION OF THURSTANS'. Tenor 11½ cwt.

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| JOHN H. SWINFIELD Treble | EDWARD I. STONE 5 |
| CHARLES SANDERS 2 | GEORGE BULL 6 |
| JOHN H. BENNETT 3 | JOSEPH GRIFFIN 7 |
| WILLIAM W. WORTHINGTON 4 | REUBEN STEVENSON Tenor |

Conducted by JOSEPH GRIFFIN.

BENGELO, HERTFORD.

THE HERTFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sunday, December 21, 1919, in Two Hours and Fifty-Three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5049 CHANCES;

REV. C. D. P. DAVIS' FIVE-PART.

Tenor 7½ cwt.

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| GEORGE H. AUSTIN Treble | ARTHUR WRIGHT 5 |
| HERBERT BAKER 2 | JOSEPH POMFREY 6 |
| REGINALD DORE 3 | GEORGE GRAY 7 |
| JOSEPH LADLEY 4 | ALFRED E. AKERS Tenor |

Conducted by HERBERT BAKER.

This is the first peal on the bells since being augmented to eight. Rung on the 57th birthday of the ringer of the 6th, who, with the conductor, took part in the opening of the original six in 1882. The whole of the band resides in the borough of Hertford.

GUILDFORD.—At St. Nicolas' Church, on Nov. 6th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, with the bells half-muffled, as a token of respect to the late rector, the Rev. G. Daudridge, whose funeral took place at Portsmouth that afternoon: G. Gibbs 1, G. J. Nichols 2, E. A. Etheridge 3, G. Tompsett 4, E. Radford 5, S. Radford 6, T. W. Radford (conductor) 7, E. Heath 8.

RUSPER, SUSSEX.

THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

On Sunday, December 21, 1919, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY MAGDALENE,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANCES;

Tenor 14 cwt.

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| *MISS NORA E. SHORTER ... Treble | ROBERT BRETT 5 |
| JOHN RICE 2 | GEORGE ILLMAN 6 |
| FRANCIS T. HOAD 3 | OLIVER SIPPETTS 7 |
| GEORGE ELLIS 4 | ALBERT ELLIS Tenor |

Composed by HENRY J. TUCKER.

Conducted by OLIVER SIPPETTS.

* First peal. First peal in the method on the bells.

WILLESDEN, MIDDLESEX.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Tuesday, December 23, 1919, in Two Hours and Fifty-Two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF OXFORD TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5356 CHANCES;

Tenor 10 cwt.

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| WILLIAM J. NUDDS Treble | THOMAS NEWMAN 5 |
| WILLIAM H. THEOBALD 2 | HARRY KILBY 6 |
| GEORGE M. KILBY 3 | ARTHUR J. NEALE 7 |
| BENJAMIN FOSKETT 4 | THOMAS LANGDON Tenor |

Composed by the late HENRY DAINS.

Conducted by WILLIAM J. NUDDS.

First peal in the method by the ringers of 2, 3, 4, 5 and 6, also first in the method on the bells.

SIX BELL PEALS.

SPROUTON.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN AND IPSWICH ASSOCIATION.

On All Saints' Day, Saturday, November 1, 1919, in Two Hours and
Fifty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANCES;

Being 720 each of Double Bob, 720 Double Court, two 720's of
Oxford Treble Bob and Kent Treble Bob, and 720 Plain Bob.

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| CHARLES F. MEE Treble | G. W. MEE 4 |
| FRANK ROLFE 2 | EDGAR RIVERS 5 |
| WALTER BROWN 3 | CHARLES MEE Tenor |

Conducted by CHARLES MEE.

Rung as a token of respect to the memory of the 19 Sprouton men who made the great sacrifice in the War, on the occasion of the unveiling of a memorial in the Parish Church.

RADCLIFFE-ON-TRENT, NOTTS.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, November 8, 1919, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANCES;

Being seven 720's each called differently.

Tenor 15 cwt.

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| *HARRY PARR Treble | *STEPHEN LOACH 4 |
| GEORGE NOWELL 2 | *HARRY SPENCER 5 |
| JOHN W. KIRTON 3 | FRANK SPENCER Tenor |

Conducted by FRANK SPENCER.

* First peal. The ringer of the 3rd bails from Bottesford. Rung as a welcome home to the Radcliffe men who served in the Great War.

LLANELLY, BRECONSHIRE.

THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Monday, December 22, 1919, in Two Hours and Forty-Eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ELLI,

A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANCES;

Being 21 Six-scores each of Plain Bob and Grandsire.

Tenor 13 cwt.

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| ALFRED A. RACKHAM ... Treble | SYDNEY T. RACKHAM ... 4 |
| ALEX. A. RACKHAM 2 | JOHN H. RACKHAM 5 |
| †ROBERT STEPHENS 3 | *WALTER BASSETT Tenor |

Conducted by JOHN H. RACKHAM.

* First peal. † First peal in two methods on an inside bell. First peal as conductor. Rung with the bells half-muffled as a token of respect to the late Mr. J. I. Doman, captain of this tower.

BUCKLAND, SURREY.
THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, December 20, 1919, in Two Hours and Thirty Minutes,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANCES;

Being seven 720's called differently.

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| W. CLAYDON Treble | H. EWINS 4 |
| A. WOOD 2 | H. HOAD 5 |
| A. HOLMAN 3 | G. HOAD Tenor |

Conducted by G. HOAD.

Rung for Peace Celebrations. The band were afterwards kindly provided with refreshments by Mr. and Mrs. A. Holman.

ALDERTON, GLOUCESTER.
THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.
(SOUTHERN BRANCH.)

On Saturday, November 22, 1919, in Two Hours and Fifty-Seven Minutes,
AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANCES;

With 10 different callings.

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| ALBERT PARKER Treble | FREDERICK JOHNSON ... 4 |
| HUBERT COTTON 2 | *WILLIAM HARRISS ... 5 |
| JOSEPH HALL 3 | JAMES HEMMING Tenor |

Conducted by F. JOHNSON.

* First peal. After the peal the ringers were kindly entertained to tea by the Rector (the Rev. A. D. Pennington).

SHARNBROOK, BEDS.
THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, December 24, 1919, in Two Hours and Forty-Seven Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANCES;

Being 720 each of Woodbine, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob,
Double Court, Double Oxford and Bob Minor.

Tenor 123 cwt.

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| E. CHARLES ALLEN Treble | R. CHARLES ALLEN 4 |
| W. ARCHIBALD NORMAN ... 2 | ALBERT J. BARCOCK ... 5 |
| GILBERT C. BELL 3 | EDWARD P. DUFFIELD ... Tenor |

Conducted by EDWARD P. DUFFIELD.

First peal in seven methods by an entirely local band.

HANDBELL PEALS.

GUILDFORD, SURREY.
THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
(THE HOLY TRINITY SOCIETY.)

On Wednesday, December 17, 1919, in Two Hours and Thirty-Eight Minutes,
AT KING EDWARD VI. GRAMMAR SCHOOL,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

Tenor size 18 in G.

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| MAURICE SMITHER 1-2 | †CHARLES HAZELDEN ... 5-6 |
| ALFRED H. PULLING 3-4 | *LEWIS W. WIFFIN 7-8 |

Conducted by ALFRED H. PULLING.

Umpire: G. W. STEERE.

Witnesses: MRS. HAZELDEN and MRS. PULLING.

* First peal of Stedman in hand, † First peal on an inside pair
Rung as a compliment to Mr. and Mrs. J. White, of Dorking, on the
occasion of their silver wedding.

LEISTON, SUFFOLK.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN AND IPSWICH ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, December 23, 1919, in Two Hours and Thirty-Three Minutes,
IN THE VESTRY OF ST. MARGARET'S CHURCH,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB ROYAL, 5000 CHANCES;

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| ALLEN F. BAILEY 1-2 | CHARLES F. BAILEY 5-6 |
| ERNEST S. BAILEY 3-4 | FREDERICK W. BAILEY ... 7-8 |
| JAMES M. BAILEY 9-10 | |

Composed by G. H. CROSS. Conducted by CHARLES F. BAILEY.

Umpire: G. WILSON.

PEAL CORRECTION.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—In the 'Ringing World' of last week there is a report
of a peal of Bob Major rung at Heptonstall by the Lancashire Associa-
tion, and given as being the first in the method on the bells. I beg to
say that the first peal of Bob Major on the above bells was rung by
the Yorkshire Association on March 21st, 1914, conducted by P. J.
Johnson.—Yours, etc.,
J. BROADLEY.

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BELFRY GOSSIP.

The new peal at Watford, cast by Messrs. Gillett and Johnston, are to be dedicated on Saturday afternoon, January 17th.

It is difficult in these days to do something new, but, following upon a handbell peal by two husbands and their wives, four fathers and four sons have now scored a peal of Grandsire Triples at Erith.

John Hartill, aged nine years, and son of the Vicar (the Rev. Edgar Hartill, M.A.), started to practise bell ringing six months ago, and is now quite capable of rising or falling (not in peal) the third. He also rang last Sunday the same bell for twenty minutes, in rounds, Queens, Whittington and Tittums, keeping the bell well under control, and making the change every time without a mistake. Mr. J. W. Beddard, hon. secretary of the Penn band, who sends this information, asks if this is a record in point of age for a church bell ringer.

Mr. Samuel Grove writes to point out that the 9312 Superlative at Crawley, rung on Boxing Day, 1894, is not the record, as was mentioned in a paragraph in this column last week. The longest length of Superlative was rung by the Worcestershire Association, viz., 9728 in 5 hrs. 52 mins., at Clent; also on a Boxing Day, Dec. 26th, 1910. We ought not to have forgotten the later record, but what was at the moment in our mind was that a quarter of a century had elapsed since that first long length. Most of the Crawley band are, happily, still with us.

In connection with a peal rung at Thornham Magna, on Boxing Day, it is interesting to recall that the same band, with the exception of the ringer of the 2nd, which bell was rung by Mr. E. Youngs, rang the first peal in fourteen Treble Bob Minor Methods (10,080 changes) for the Norwich Association. This peal, which is still a record for the Norwich Association, occupied 5 hrs. 10 mins., and was conducted by G. Cattermole.

A. H. Winch, known to his friends by a much more intimate name, was the ringer of the 5th in the peal at Leatherhead on December 20th, and not H. White, as published.

PAINSWICK LONG PEAL ATTEMPT.

UNFORTUNATE END AFTER 7,600 CHANGES.

The attempt for the long peal of Grandsire Cinques at Painawick on Boxing Day by twelve members of the Ancient Society of Painswick Youths, a Society established in 1686, had an unfortunate ending. After ringing about 7,600 changes in excellent style in 5 hrs. and 15 mins., and when everything was going well, indisposition caused one of the ringers to set his bell.

Another attempt will be made as soon as possible.

AN INTERESTING RECORD.

BAND UNBROKEN FOR 30 YEARS.

At Newchurch, in Lancs, there is a band of ringers with an extraordinary record of long and unbroken service. A company was formed there in 1889, and its ten members have remained associated with the tower ever since, the eight bells being regularly rung by these long service men. At the moment one is ill, but he is still a member; the others are doing active service. They are James Taylor, Thomas Harrison, James Ashworth, Lawrence Taylor, Sam Lord, Ormerod Eastwood, Walter Taylor, J. T. Wright, John W. Ormerod, and Harry Walls. We feel sure this must be a record for any single tower, and this band of veterans will have the best wishes of the Exercise for many more years of regular and unbroken association with their ancient church and belfry.

NORTH NOTTS ASSOCIATION.

A BUSY BOXING DAY.

A district meeting of the North Notts Association was held at East Retford, on Boxing Day, with a view to giving an impetus to the new band of ringers who have taken up the art at the Parish Church. The bells of West Retford and Ordsall were also at the disposal of ringers all day, but there was only a moderate attendance. Lack of numbers, however, was compensated for by the quantity and quality of ringing at all three churches. A start was made at Ordsall at 10.30 a.m., and by 1 p.m. touches and 720's in the following methods were rung: Canterbury, College Single, Bob Minor, Stedman Doubles, Oxford and Kent.

At East Retford, the announcement was made that two bells had broken stays, and another bell had been thrown out of the cage by the local juniors, who had been tugging hard to herald the Christmas festival. However, a bit of tinkering by one or two old hands made the bells ringable, and touches of Grandsire Triples, Stedman Triples, and Bob Major were rung, and the bells lowered in peal, two of them being rung without stays.

A move to West Retford was made at 5 p.m., where touches of Plain Bob, Oxford and Kent brought an interesting day's ringing to an end, the ringers being thanked by some of the inhabitants of Retford for giving them a little Christmas music.

Ringers were present from Worksop, Rotherham, Wigan, Gainsborough, Brigg, Ordsall, West Retford and East Retford and a pleasant day was spent.

The ringers desire to thank the Vicar of East Retford and the Rectors of Ordsall and West Retford respectively for use of bells.

SURPRISE METHODS.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—I have read the three letters that were in last week's 'Ringing World' on the subject of Surprise Methods. Mr. E. Bankes James gives his definition of Surprise Methods. He says (1): A Surprise method is one in which the treble has a dodging hunt, and a place is always made at a cross section. (2) A cross section is the point at which the treble moves on from one set of places to another. Now, when the treble is moved from 7-8 up to 7-8 down it is really a cross section, the same as when the treble is moved from 3-4 up to 5-8 up. Nothing more or less.

Mr. William Snowdon had a word with me about Surprise methods some years ago. He said that a Surprise method is the one that has a bell running from behind to lead without a place being made whatever. I replied that we had better stick to the old school, and that is why I picked out Superlative for my guide, and I have stuck to it throughout. Which are we going to have as the standard, Bristol or Superlative, for a Surprise method?—Yours faithfully,

JOHN CARTER.

EDINBURGH RINGERS' MEMORIAL.

UNVEILING AT THE CATHEDRAL.

A memorial tablet, erected by the Society of Change Ringers of St. Mary's Cathedral, Edinburgh, to those of their number who died in the great war has been placed in the belfry of the Cathedral, and unveiled by the Very Rev. J. L. Henderson, the Provost of the Cathedral. The tablet is a beautiful piece of work executed in cream-coloured Derbyshire marble, and was designed and carved by Mr. John Marshall, one of the ringers. It is divided into two panels, on the smaller or left-hand of which is carved the badge of the society, while the other contains the inscription. The whole is surmounted by an ornamental pediment consisting of a cluster of bells.

The musical part of the service was provided by a section of the choir, under the direction of Mr. T. H. Collinson, Mus.Bac., organist of the Cathedral. There was a large attendance of ringers, and about forty of the congregation also undertook the ascent of one hundred and twenty odd steps to the belfry. The bells were rung half-muffled for a short time before the service, and when the Provost after a prayer of dedication, removed the Union Jack that covered the tablet, a few muffled 'rounds' were again rung.

The choir then sang the anthem, 'I heard a voice from Heaven' (Dykes), the lofty proportions of the ringing chamber giving great resonance and beauty to the singing.

In the course of a short address, the Provost first mentioned that on the outbreak of war all the ringers except those who were debarr'd by age or sex had joined the forces, and had all gone overseas. Two of them had laid down their lives. He then spoke of the duty of remembrance, of both the comrades who had fallen, and also of the call of the church to prayer, of which the bells themselves were a reminder, reaching as they did the ears of many whom the voice of the priest could not reach.

After a hymn, the service was concluded with some more muffled ringing, after which the visitors were given an opportunity of seeing the bells, in which they were greatly interested.

The inscription on the tablet reads: 'In memory of the ringers of this Cathedral who fell in the great war: Second-Lieut. John E. Mowat, 7th Yorks, died of wounds 15th May, 1917; Pte. John Stanward, B.R.C., died of sickness, 6th August, 1917.'

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

The December monthly meeting of the Manchester Branch was held at the City Town Hall, when a very representative gathering assembled from upwards of twenty-two towers. Mr. Amos Trippier presided over the business meeting, and gave a cordial welcome to all the visitors wishing them the compliments of the season.

Messrs. Cyril Harper, Herbert Clinton, George Mason and J. Carter were elected members of the Association.

The Cathedral was chosen as the next meeting-place on January 17th. This will be the annual branch meeting, when its representatives will be chosen for the ensuing year.

Various methods were rung on the fine peal of bells. Amongst those who took part in calling 'ye hobbies' (not forgetting the singles), were: Mr. and Miss Thorp (brother and sister), of Ashton-under-Lyne.

Messrs. J. W. Washbrook, junr., J. W. Washbrook, senr., A. Barnes and Fred Page rang a course on the handbells to the delight of the company.

A vote of thanks was accorded the Lord Mayor for granting permission to ring on the bells; also to the local company, and to Mr. Trippier for presiding at the meeting.

KING'S NORTON, BIRMINGHAM.—On Nov. 10th (Lord Mayor's Day), a date touch of Kent Treble Bob Major (1919 changes), in 1 hr 15 mins.: H. Withers 1, C. Webb 2, W. Ikin 3, J. Vaughan 4, J. Eaton 5, S. Grove 6, J. Withers, 7, P. Lakin 8. Arranged and conducted by H. Withers, and rung to celebrate the election of Mr. W. A. Cadbury to the office of Lord Mayor of the City of Birmingham.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

SOUTH-WESTERN DIVISION.

The annual district meeting of the South-Western Division was held at St. Mary's, Walthamstow. Ringing commenced at 3.30, and the bells were kept going till 5 p.m. in various methods, when an adjournment was made to the Nag's Head for tea. This was followed by the meeting, at which one non-resident life member and three new ringing members were elected. Both the Master and secretary for the Division (Messrs. W. Theobald and E. Butler) were re-elected for 1920, and Hornchurch selected as the place for the next meeting.

A vote of condolence with the relatives of the late Mr. W. G. Cooper and Mr. B. Bullock, of the Walthamstow St. Saviour's Band (who lost their lives during the war) was passed in silence, by those present up-standing.

The meeting terminated with a vote of thanks to the Vicar (the Rev. Lampden) for kindly allowing the use of his tower and bells, and to Mr. J. Wilkins, steeplekeeper, for having everything in readiness.

During the afternoon and evening between 40 and 50 members and friends visited the tower, and touches of Grandsire and Stedman Caters, Bob Major and Royal, Kent Treble Bob, and Cambridge Royal were brought round.

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION.

A quarterly meeting of the Bath and Wells Diocesan Association was held at Evercreech, on Saturday, December 20th, when eleven towers were represented, and among those also present were the Master and Secretary of the Salisbury Guild (Major D'Aeth and the Rev. F. L. Edwards). The bells were raised in peal soon after 2 p.m., and touches of Grandsire and Bob Major rung until the Guild service was held, at which the Rev. R. J. Bonsey, Rector, officiated, and gave an address. Tea was partaken of in the Schoolroom, after which the business meeting was held, the Master (the Rev. C. C. Parker) presiding, supported by the Rev. R. J. Bonsey, Mr. E. J. Allen (churchwarden), the Rev. F. L. Edwards, and Major D'Aeth. Thirty new members were elected, and Midsomer Norton was the place selected for the next meeting, to be held on the second Saturday after Easter.

A hearty vote of thanks to the Rector for arranging the service and the use of the bells, also to the organist for his services, was proposed by the Master, and carried with acclamation.

The Rector, in responding, said it was a great pleasure for him to welcome the members to Evercreech.

The Master then extended a hearty welcome to the members of the Salisbury Guild, the Rev. F. L. Edwards and Major D'Aeth responding.

This concluded the business, and another visit was paid to the tower, the bells being made good use of during the evening.

'LONG TEN.'

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—In your issue of Dec. 26th, Mr. J. R. Jerram advocates a few additions to the Glossary of technical terms. Is Mr. Jerram correct in his definition of the 'Long Ten'? He calls it Grandsire Doubles. I give the figures of what I have always known as the Long Ten, and whatever the method is, it certainly does not look like Grandsire as there is no single dodge behind at the start. It is much more like Plain Bob. The first ten changes of Grandsire Doubles could hardly be repeated again and again on Mr. Jerram's rules as the lead end comes 12534.—Yours truly,

WILLIAM J. FULLER

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SILVER WEDDING PEAL.

On Friday, Dec. 19th, a beautiful peal of Grandsire Triples was rung in the tower of St. Martin's Church, Dorking, by a combined band of Dorking and Leatherhead ringers in honour of the silver wedding of Mr. John H. White, the well-known and very highly respected captain of the Dorking company. The band, together with Mrs. White and a few other friends, were afterwards entertained to tea by the St. Martin's Guild, a feature of which was a silver wedding cake. During the tea, Mr. White was presented with a silver bell inkstand, suitably inscribed, and Mrs. White with a pierced silver clasp, by Canon Chichester, the Vicar of the parish, on behalf of the St. Martin's Guild. Canon Chichester made a happy speech, in which he expressed the hearty esteem and affection in which Mr. White is held by all who have the privilege of knowing him, as well as the hope that the Guild would one day have the pleasure of rejoicing with him and his wife on the occasion of their golden wedding, a hope which, fortunately, seems quite possible of fulfilment, owing to the fact that Mr. and Mrs. White are unusually young to be keeping their silver wedding.

A happy evening came all too quickly to an end.

OXLEY, HERTS.—On Sunday, Nov. 9th, in 47 mins., 1344 London Surprise Major: *A. Cooper 1, H. Eden 2, A. W. Dix 3, C. Leman 4, M. Hibbert 5, W. Hodgotts 6, H. Hodgotts 7, F. W. Brinklow (conductor) 8. * First in the method.

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NOTICES.

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ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.—(Estab. 1637).—Meetings for practice will be held at St. Magnus, Lower Thames Street, on Jan. 8th and 22nd; *St. Michael's, Cornhill, on the 13th; *St. Paul's Cathedral on the 27th; all at 7.30 p.m. *Business afterwards at Headquarters. Notice of motion *re* Rules 3 and 7 has been given for Jan. 27th. The sum of 1/8, which entitles members who have not attended 20 times in the past year to vote on matters of finance, is now due.—William T. Cockerill (Hon. Sec.), 32, Edgeley Road, Clapham, S.W.4.

SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.—The quarterly meeting will be held at Christ Church, West Bromwich, on Saturday, January 10th. Bells available at 3. Short service in church with an address at 5.15. Tea, 1s., at 6.—H. Knight, Hon. Sec., 15, Rugby Street, Wolverhampton.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Bolton Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Bolton Parish Church on Saturday, 10th January. Bells available 4 p.m. Meeting, 7 p.m.—Peter Crook, Sec., 201, Devonshire Road, Bolton.

WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Portsmouth District.—The annual meeting will be held at Fareham on Saturday, Jan. 10th. Bells available 2 p.m. Service at 5.30. Tea (free) at 6 o'clock.—E. J. Harding, District Sec., 76, Carnarvon Road, Portsmouth.

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Eastern District.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Holy Trinity Church, Hull, on Saturday, Jan. 10th. Bells of Holy Trinity (10), All Saints' (8), Sutton-on-Hull (6), will be available from 2 to 9 p.m. Service in church at 5; tea 5.30; meeting to follow. Tea 1/- per head.—W. Hinton, Hon. Dis. Sec., 5, Volta Avenue, Selby.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Bristol Branch.—The annual meeting will be held on Jan. 10th at St. Thomas' (City). Bells available from 3 o'clock. Service at 4.30; address by the Rev. M. E. Thorold (Master). Tea at 5 o'clock, to be followed by business meeting.—W. Stafford, Branch Hon. Sec., 16, Queen's Road, St. George, Bristol, E.

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Bedford District.—The annual meeting of the district will be held at Bedford on Saturday, Jan. 10th, 1920. Service in St. Peter's Church at 4.15. Tea at 5 o'clock in St. Peter's Hall. Business meeting to follow. Bells available before and after service. All ringers welcome.—H. S. Harlow, Dist. Sec., 14, Newnham Lane, Bedford.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Sonning Deanery Branch.—The annual general meeting will be held at All Saints', Wokingham, on Saturday, Jan. 10th, 1920. Service at 5 p.m., with sermon by the Master. Tea and

Business meeting after at Church House. Ringing at St. Paul's and All Saints' before service and after meeting. Those intending to be present at tea kindly notify F. Dentry, Hon. Sec., Church Street, Twyford, Berks.

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION (late the St. James' Society).—Estab. 1824.—The quarterly general meeting will be held at Headquarters, 'The Edinburgh,' Milford Lane, Strand, on Monday, Jan. 12th, at the close of practice at St. Clement Danes.—T. Walker, Hon. Sec., 50 Cannon Street, E.C.4.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—A practice for 'Surprise Methods' only will be held at Twyford, Berks, on Saturday, Jan. 17th. Bells available from 2.30 p.m. Even-song, 6 p.m., after which ringing will be resumed. Tea at 5, at 1/- per head, to all those who notify Mr. F. Dentry, Church Street, Twyford.—R. T. Hibbert, Gen. Sec.

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Late the St. James' Society (Estab. 1824).—Southern District.—The annual meeting will be held on Saturday, Jan. 17th, at St. Giles', Camberwell. Tower open from 3 p.m. Service in the church, 5 p.m. Tea kindly given by the Vicar, Rev. H. Lindsay, in St. Giles' Hall, near the Green, at 5.45 p.m. Business meeting, election of officers, etc., at 6.45. Tower open again after. Members requiring tea kindly notify Mr. T. H. Taffender, 10, Northland Street, Camberwell, S.E.5, not later than Jan. 12th, or F. A. Smith, Hon. Sec., 14, Oxford Avenue, Merton Park, S.W.19.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Rossendale Branch.—The next branch meeting will be held at St. James, Waterfoot (six bell tower), on Saturday, Jan. 17th, 1920. Bells ready at 3.30. Meeting at 6.30. A good attendance is earnestly requested. Subscriptions are now due.—J. H. Haydock, Branch Sec., 31, St. Paul's Street, Ramsbottom.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Rochdale Branch.—The next monthly meeting will be held on Saturday, Jan. 17th, at Heywood. St. Luke's bells ready at 3. Meeting at 6. Reports are now ready.—T. K. Driver, Branch Sec., Middleton.

WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.—Northern Branch.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Stourbridge (St. Thomas) on Saturday, Jan. 17th. Service in the Church at 5 p.m.; business meeting to follow. Tea will be provided for all members who let me know on or before Wednesday, Jan. 14th. Bells available from 3 o'clock. All members are cordially invited.—E. J. Dowler, 11, St. Edward's Road, Bournbrook, Birmingham.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—The quarterly meeting will be held at North Wingfield on Saturday afternoon, 17th January. Ringing from 2 o'clock; committee meeting, 4 o'clock; tea, 5 o'clock, at 1/3 per head for those who notify Mr. J. P. Tarlton, 16, Bright Street, North Wingfield, Chesterfield, not later than the 13th January. General meeting after tea. Notice of any proposed alteration to Rules should reach me before this meeting.—A. C. Wright, Hon. Sec., Strathallan, Darley Dale.

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Southern Branch.—The annual meeting will be held at Grantham on Saturday, January 17th. St. Wulfrum's bells (10) available 1 to 8 p.m. Service at 4.30 p.m. Tea at 5.15 p.m. at Cook's Temperance Hotel, Westgate.—S. Proctor, Sec., 72, Bridge End Road, Grantham.

WATFORD PARISH CHURCH.—The dedication by the Archdeacon of St. Albans of the Ring of Eight recast and rehung by Messrs. Gillett and Johnston will take place on Saturday, 17th January. Service at 3 p.m. Tea at St. Mary's Hall for clergy and ringers at 4 o'clock. Will ringers who intend to be present kindly inform the Vicar at St. Mary's, Watford, to this effect? They are heartily welcome.—G. W. Cartmel, Hon. Sec., Hertford County Association, Duffield, St. Albans.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Manchester Branch. —The annual branch meeting will be held at the Cathedral (Manchester) on Saturday, Jan. 17th. Bells available 4.30. Meeting at 7. Business: Election of branch representatives. Reports ready. Subscriptions due.—W. W. Wolstencroft, Branch Sec., 103, Victoria Street, Ashton-under-Lyne.

WARWICKSHIRE GUILD.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Rugby on Saturday, Jan. 17th. Bells (8) available from 3 o'clock. — Joseph H. White, Hon. Sec., 59, George Eliot Road, Coventry.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Preston Branch. —The next meeting will be held at the Parish Church, Chorley, on Jan. 17th. Bells available from 3 p.m. Meeting at 5.30. A good attendance is requested.—E. R. Martin, Branch Sec., 98, Victoria Road, Walton-le-Dale.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Rossendale Branch. —The next meeting will be held at St. James', Waterfoot, on Saturday, Jan. 17th (six bell tower). Bells ready at 3.30. Meeting at 7 o'clock. Subscriptions are due. Annual reports to hand.—John H. Haydock, Branch Sec., 31, St. Paul's Street, Ramsbottom.

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Northern District. —The annual meeting will be held at St. Anne's, Highgate, on Saturday, Jan. 17th. Bells available from 4 p.m. till 8 p.m. Business meeting, including election of officers, afterwards. A good attendance is requested. — F. G. Symonds, Hon. District Sec., 157, High Street, Camden Town, N.W.

ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM.—Established 1755.—Annual meeting will be held at St. Martin's Hotel, St. Martin's Lane, Birmingham, on Tuesday, January 20th, 1920. Alderman J. S. Pritchett, M.A., B.C.L., in the chair. Ringing at St. Martin's, 6.30. Business, 7.30. All subscriptions are due at this meeting.—A. Paddon Smith, Hon. Sec., 11, Albert Road, Handsworth, Birmingham.

SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.—The annual meeting will be held at St. Martin's-in-the-Fields on Saturday, January 24th, 1920. Tower open 3 p.m. Service, 5.30. Tea in the Parish Hall at 6 p.m. Will members please notify me if they intend being present at the tea?—H. J. Bradley, Hon. Sec., 25, Winchester Avenue, Brondesbury, N.W.6.

SURREY ASSOCIATION.—The quarterly meeting of the Central District will be held at All Saints', Benhillton, Sutton, on Saturday, the 24th January. Details later.—Charles Dean, 59, Wellesley Road, Croydon, Hon. Sec.

DEVONSHIRE GUILD.—Mid-Devon Branch.—A meeting will be held at Torquay (Upton Church), Saturday, Jan. 24th. Bells available from 2.30 p.m. Short service at 4.30, followed by tea. Will those intending to be present let me know not later than Jan. 19th?—W. C. Wakley, Bella Vista, Teignmouth.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.—North and East District.—The annual meeting will be held at Southgate on Saturday, Jan. 24th. Bells available from 3 o'clock. Service at 5.30 o'clock. Tea, at the Cherry Tree, at 6 o'clock, followed by the business meeting. Will all requiring tea please advise me by the 20th inst.? Members and friends invited.—C. T. Coles, Hon. Sec., 49, Wood Street, E.17.

BATH & WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Chew Deanery Branch.—The annual meeting will be held at Long Ashton on Saturday, Jan. 24th. Bells available 2.30. Divine service 4 o'clock. Tea at the Church House at 5 o'clock. Business meeting to follow. Those who require tea kindly let me know by Tuesday, Jan. 20th.—George Yeo, Hon. Local Sec., Long Ashton.

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—The annual general meeting will be held at York on Jan. 31st. The bells at the Minster (12) and Clifton (6), also Bishophill (6) will be available for ringing from 2 p.m. to 8 p.m. All applications for tea, for which a charge of 1s. 6d. per head will be made, must be sent to Mr. G. Horner, 16, Clifton Green, York, not later than first post Jan. 27th. Divine service in the Minster at 4 p.m., at which the Rev. Canon C. C. Bell will preach.

SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.—Meetings for practice: St. Martin's first Monday in the month at 7.30 p.m.; second Saturday, St. Bride's, 5 p.m.; third Monday, Shoreditch, 7.30 p.m.—H. J. Bradley, Hon. Sec.

PEAL BOOKS.—Price 3s., post free 3/6. Peals written in at 3d. per page. Prices for entering peals in Association official peal books upon application.—J. Beams, West Ewell, Epsom.

HANDBELLS WANTED.

WANTED, for some beginners, a small Second-hand Set (6 or 8) of Handbells; tenor about C, size 15, diameter $4\frac{1}{2}$ inches; must be in good condition.—Write Vicar, Henley, Ipswich.

HANDBELLS FOR SALE.

FOR SALE, a magnificent set of 65 handbells, by Mears & Stainbank, in splendid condition, complete, with tables, trestles, cushions, etc. What offers? — C. H. Rylatt, St. Andrew's Villa, Heckington, S.O., Lincs.

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WHEELWRIGHT.—Wanted man for new work and repairs; also an improver; good ringing centre.—Apply, R. Darlow, Wheatsheaf Yard, Watford, Herts.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

MEMORIAL TO FALLEN RINGERS.

The hon. secretary (Mr. F. Guise) has received and acknowledged the following donations to the end of 1919:—

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